

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 610

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to commend George L. Rooker, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the people of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, George L. Rooker, Jr., is one such estimable individual, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Nashville, Mr. Rooker currently serves as Special Projects Manager for the Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County, in which position he has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow public servants and a grateful public; and

WHEREAS, George Rooker began his forty-plus-year career with Metro Government as an intern for the Assessor's office, later serving as an appraiser and Chief Deputy Assessor; immediately prior to his current position, he served as Assessor of Property from 2008 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Goodpasture Christian School, Mr. Rooker earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from David Lipscomb University; he has obtained designations as a Certified Public Administrator from the University of Tennessee, Assessment Administration Specialist from the International Association of Assessing Officers, and Tennessee Master Assessor certification from the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, George Rooker has been recognized for his excellence many times over by the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers; he received the Assessor of the Year Award

in 2009, an award given to the best of the best, an assessor who has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and leadership throughout the entire State for the year; the Excellence in Operations Award in 2011, the highest recognition the Office of Assessor of Property may receive; the Presidential Award in 2016, an award earned after serving a single year at the helm of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers and a memento of the year of service given in the name of advancing the profession and helping one's fellow assessor; and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016, the highest honor the association bestows upon an individual, earned through a lifetime of excellence in selfless service to the profession; and

WHEREAS, his service in local government was not unprecedented in his family; he acquired his love and high regard for public office from his father, the late Mr. George L. Rooker, Sr., who served as the Circuit Court Clerk for Davidson County for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooker is a member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church; he is also a member of various local chambers of commerce and civic clubs and has volunteered with charitable programs such as Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, Room in the Inn, and the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Fund; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, George Rooker is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Amy, and their two sons, Jonathan and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend George L. Rooker, Jr., for his astute service to the people of Nashville as Special Projects Manager for the Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage

and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.